

## M. QUAD, PATERNAL HUMORIST

SEEN BY THE LADY HE THOUGHT OF ADOPTING, BUT DIDN'T.

She Was Too Old—36, He Says—They Had a Flat and Furniture and She Wrote the Funny Stories He Didn't, but She Let "Daddy" Put on His Hat and Go.

How to be a funny man vicariously was told yesterday by Charles B. Lewis, better known as "M. Quad," on the witness stand in Justice Bennett's Municipal Court. The humorist was defendant there in a suit brought by Marie Aileen Billings, who declared that Lewis owed her \$60 back pay for her services as secretary and private critic. Decision was reserved for a week.

Lewis was his own only witness. He admitted among other things that he had paid Miss Billings \$25 a week for her to write four short funny stories for him to publish over the signature "M. Quad." Asked if he couldn't write his own funny stories the humorist replied that he certainly could, but he didn't have time to write all he needed in his business so he hired assistance.

M. Quad, who is about seventy years old, has snow white hair, a stoop of the shoulders and chews tobacco when writing, or testifying or listening to testimony. Miss Billings is thirty-six years old, according to her lawyer and thirty-six, according to M. Quad. She was not asked for her own estimate, and any hint on the subject that might have been furnished by her face was hidden throughout the trial by several windings of a thick blue veil.

Letters received by Miss Billings and written by Lewis were introduced as evidence. Most of them referred to the writer as "Dad" and "Daddy" and there were numerous statements in them to the effect that Lewis was going to make Miss Billings his daughter by adoption. M. Quad admitted that he had written the letters, but said the adoption proceedings fell through because of Miss Billings' age.

"I was deceived by the lawyers," he said. "They told me that I might adopt Miss Billings, but after I had made all my plans to do so I learned that the law prevents a person from adopting a child over 23 years of age."

There was some sort of disturbance under the blue veil at this allusion to the law's limit to childhood, but the daughter that might have been made no remarks. The letter in which M. Quad first signed himself "Dad" was:

DEAR DAD'S KID: I've got a document on my desk that says that Marie Aileen Billings is the daughter of Charles B. Lewis and has all the legal rights and privileges of a natural daughter, and that she is obligated to me for life, to obey, and etc. Now what do you think? Glad or sorry? Anyhow, you are a kid of mine, and so you must be twice as good as the average girl. Will you do this for daddy? I know you will, and now, kid of mine, get a legal rope fast to your left, write your dad a good, long letter and tell him you have been an obedient daughter. Here I pause. Sorry for you, puss, but I want to see the day a success. By Jove, but I've got to take off my coat and make these hustles. I've got an increase in my salary, and I've got to see, and I've got to get up music to waltz a certain kid when she gives daddy back talk.

Goodbye, chicken, and God bless you and bring you happiness with you.

In another letter Dad wrote: "DEAR DAD'S KID: Some one up here will be wishing for you in a day or two, little one, and your dad and he'll make a copper queen of you." The promise to make a copper queen of M. Quad's "little one" was explained in Miss Billings' testimony relative to the oral contract she said she had with Lewis. "When Mr. Lewis engaged me as a critic," she said, "he promised to pay me \$25 a week as salary and to pay \$5 a week on the furniture which we bought for the flat in West Ninety-sixth street, where I live, and where Mr. Lewis came twice a week for our literary work. He did that for several years, but I got tired of grinding out short funny stories and threatened to go on the stage."

"To retain my services he made a new oral contract with me on May 11, 1902, to run one year. He said that he would come time to time to pay me the \$25 a week, to pay the installments on the furniture and would give me \$25,000 on May 11, 1904, if a copper mine he's got in Michigan pans out. That's what he meant by saying he'd make me a copper queen."

It is on the strength of their alleged oral contract that Miss Billings is suing. She declares that Lewis has paid her nothing since Oct. 17. She is suing for \$60, salary for the two weeks ending Oct. 31, and for two weeks' installments on the furniture.

To corroborate her testimony a colored maid in Miss Billings' employ testified that she heard the agreement made on May 11 at the Billings flat. Henry Weiss, cashier for a furniture firm, testified that he paid \$50 for that flat for the furniture and that he had received the payments on the furniture in the flat from Lewis.

Miss Billings also said that during her absence in Europe in 1900 Lewis had taken from her desk a lot of letters he had written to her. He denied that, but admitted that he had got the letters from a man named Casey and had returned them to Miss Billings when requested to do so by her lawyer.

Miss Billings testified further that, because of her dislike of Lewis, she had written stories and rewriting part of it he had won a \$500 prize with it and given her \$200 for her part. Lewis said he had given her \$50 for that. She also testified that plays which had been written by her had been copyrighted in the name of the defendant.

In his own behalf M. Quad denied all knowledge of any contract of May, 1902, and testified that he had had no dealings whatever with Miss Billings since Oct. 12, 1902. Up to that time, he said, he had paid her \$25 a week to write him four stories a week and also paid her \$5 a week on the furniture. "She asked me for a lot of money," he continued, "to help her out in some scheme and I refused to let her have it. I asked her why she didn't do some work and she said she'd rather be a stenographer at \$8 a week than grind out her brain, writing short funny stories. When I asked her if she had a legacy that would enable her to live without working, she said it was none of my business. I said 'I look as if I did could put on his hat and go' and she said, 'That's just about what Dad can do.'"

"Then I went," said Lewis, "and at the door I said 'good-night, kid.' That was our last parting."

Under cross-examination Lewis admitted that he still had a key to the Ninety-sixth street flat. Before the literary relations between "Dad" and "Kid" became strained, Lewis, who lives in Third place, Brooklyn, went to Miss Billings' flat twice a week for luncheon and dinner, and stayed all night. Miss Billings explained on the stand that the journey to Brooklyn was too long for the aged humorist to take in the evening, after a day of hard literary work.

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Grand Jury Investigating Charges Against American Sugar Company.

The Kings County Grand Jury has begun an investigation into the charges preferred against the American Sugar Refining Company by Deputy Commissioner Van Kleeck of the Department of Water Supply and Water Resources. Evidence is that the American Sugar Refining Company, during the last six years, has been using the city's water by means of un-metered taps and pipes without the knowledge of the city authorities, and have failed to pay for the water thus consumed.

On Oct. 2 the Water Department sent a bill to the Sugar company for \$525,000 for the water said to have been consumed during the last six years. The matter is being investigated under the personal supervision of District Attorney Clarke.

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YET ANOTHER "A. B. C." LETTER

IS SENT TO A. CIRRIINGIONE, THE PRIEST'S FATHER.

It is similar to the one Justice Roesech got and is evidently the work of the same Italian—The Justice decides to Have a Detective Guard.

Another "A. B. C." letter turned up yesterday in the case of Father Cirringione, the Italian priest who says he was kidnapped. This time the letter came to Antonio Cirringione, the father of the priest.

The letter was written in Italian, as was the one which Civil Justice Roesech received on Thursday night.

The letter which Justice Roesech received and the one sent to Antonio Cirringione were evidently mailed at the same time. The handwriting, so far as a layman can judge, is practically the same. The letters were mailed from the same sub-station, Station K, Antonio Cirringione did not get his letter as soon as Justice Roesech, because the address on the envelope was wrong. The priest's father lives at 326 West Seventeenth street.

The letter was first sent to an East Seventeenth street address, then back to Station K, and eventually through the post office clerks, who are familiar with the case of Father Cirringione, to the home of Antonio Cirringione. He got the letter yesterday morning. This is a free translation of the letter:

Father Cirringione, No more explanation. No more. You lose your life. Same as this made to Judge Roesech saved your life. Now will be against you. A. B. C.

At the top of the letter was the following, picked out with a pen in dotted lines and almost unrecognizable: "New York, 18 Nov. 1903." The letter had apparently been written by the same person who sent the one to Justice Roesech. It was in the same irregular scrawly hand, and penned on cheap blue-lined paper.

As soon as Antonio Cirringione got it he went with one of his daughters to Justice Roesech. Father Cirringione's friend, Justice Roesech had the letter translated and compared it with the one he had received. Then he said he was going to give it to Inspector McCluskey.

This makes the sixth letter received by persons connected with the case in addition to the two received by Father Cirringione before he says he was kidnapped.

Justice Roesech was so worried over the letter which he received at a dinner on Thursday night that he called the first thing yesterday morning on Inspector McCluskey. He gave the letter to the inspector, who told him that he was glad to get it. Then he



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WEEKLY AND MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

Just Above

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went over the whole case with McCluskey again.

Justice Roesech makes no effort to conceal the fact that he is not satisfied with the attitude taken by the police since the disappearance of the priest. He says that he has every confidence in the story told by Father Cirringione and he intends to stand by it until it is disproved. After his talk with Inspector McCluskey yesterday morning and hereafter, until the case of Father Cirringione is settled, a policeman will be with him whenever he goes out at night.

Justice Roesech showed yesterday that he was worried and said that to-day he would ask Inspector McCluskey to have a detective stationed in his court.

Detective Bennett spent all yesterday trying to get on the trace of the watch which Father Cirringione says was stolen from him. According to Father Cirringione the watch had been pawned at least twice, but the priest does not know where. Neither does he remember the number of the watch, but he does remember that it was a gold watch with a leather strap. He also remembers the breaking of his wrist while boarding a street car.

When Dr. Hammond had finished, H. L. Scheurman, for the company, called Miss Cecilia J. Zimmer, a trained nurse. She testified that in her accident suit against the Third Avenue Railroad Company several years ago, when she got a \$15,000 verdict, Dr. Graeme Hammond had testified in her behalf that her spine had been injured and that she would never be able to walk again or to enjoy any but the poorest health. Miss Zimmer assured the jury that her health was now excellent and that she was able to walk perfectly.

Dr. Hammond was recalled and admitted that he must have been mistaken in his diagnosis of Miss Zimmer's injury. The demonstration that the company's experts sometimes err seemed to have its effect on the jury, for the twelve men were unable to agree on a verdict.

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letters in the hospital and got them out without being detected. I should think that somebody ought to find out the writer of the two letters.

A. J. Gullatto, Father Cirringione's counsel, who received a threatening letter the day Father Cirringione was picked up by a policeman, went to Paterson yesterday because it was intimated to him that there he could meet the writer of the letter. Gullatto took friends with him. He said he didn't expect to find anything, but felt that he should make the investigation.

QUOTED AGAINST HIMSELF.

Doctor Who Helped Get a Verdict in an Old Trial Tells His Patient Again.

Dr. Graeme Hammond, the alienist, testified in the case of Father Cirringione before Justice Rich and a jury, in the suit of Mrs. Ellen McQuade to recover \$20,000 from the Metropolitan Street Railroad, that in his opinion, Patrick McQuade, the plain- tiff's husband, died of brain trouble superinduced by the breaking of his wrist while boarding a street car.

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NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20.—The cold wave which struck Louisiana and Texas yesterday has done great injury to the cane crop of the two States. How great will not be known with certainty for several days. The cold wave came suddenly within less than a day, the temperature dropping from 70 to 20. It is the first freeze ever experienced in November. A large part of the sugar cane was housed in time, but much of it was frozen.

Col. George Harvey Dines "Toby, M. P." A dinner was given last evening by Col. George Harvey at the Metropolitan Club to Henry W. Lucy of Punch. The guests included Irving Bacheller, Robert W. Chambers, W. D. Howells, W. H. Merrill, George W. Young, James L. Ford, Hamlin Garland, Adrian B. Joine, Van Tassel Stupp, James MacArthur, John I. Waterbury, John Larkin, David A. Munro and Burgess Johnson.



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